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Report of the Secretary-General

Addendum

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. During the period from 6 August to 16 September 1994, two reports were submitted pursuant to paragraph 8 of General Assembly resolution 47/31 of 25 November 1992. In addition, Belgium reported that no violations had occurred in the past year.

II. REPORTS RECEIVED FROM STATES PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH 8 OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 47/31

A. Analytical summary of the reports

2. The reports submitted during the period contained information provided in response to previously reported incidents. In that regard, Greece reported on the investigation of the assassination of a Turkish diplomat on 4 July 1994 and Turkey provided additional information concerning the investigation of the explosion of a vehicle belonging to the First Secretary of the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia at Ankara on 19 April 1994.

B. Text of the reports

17. Note verbale from the Deputy Permanent Representative, Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Greece to the United Nations, addressed to the Secretary-General 1/

[Original: English]

[26 July 1994]

With reference to the note by the Secretary-General dated 13 July 1994 (LA/COD/4),* the Deputy Permanent Representative, Chargé d'affaires a.i., has the honour to inform the Secretary-General, in accordance with paragraphs 8 and 9 of General Assembly resolution 47/31, of the following:

> On the morning of 4 July 1994, at 0850 hours, the Counsellor of the Turkish Embassy in Athens, Omer Haluk Sipahioglu, who was inside his car, in front of his residence, on his way to the Turkish Embassy, was shot by an unknown person, assisted by two others. Counsellor Sipahioglu was immediately rushed to a nearby hospital, where he died in the operation room.

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* Transmitting a report on the incident dated 8 July 1994 received from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations and reproduced in section II.B, No. 13, of document A/49/295.

By a written statement on the same day, the terrorist organization "17 November" claimed responsibility for the assassination of the Turkish diplomat.

The President of the Republic, the Prime Minister and the Minister for Foreign Affairs, as well as all political parties and the people of Greece, have expressed their deep indignation and shock at this heinous crime.

The Government of Greece has also expressed its resolve to investigate the case thoroughly and to bring the offenders to justice, and continues to take all necessary measures aimed at ensuring the safety and security of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives in Greece.

The Government of Greece will inform you, as soon as possible, of the final outcome of the relevant proceedings.

18. Note verbale from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General 2/

[Original: English]

[5 August 1994]

The Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations, with reference to the note by the Secretary-General dated 5 July 1994 (LA/COD/4),* which contains in its annex a note from the Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) to the United Nations and in accordance with paragraph 8 of General Assembly resolution 47/31, entitled "Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives", has the honour to inform the Secretary-General of the following:

The above-mentioned note verbale of the Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro), which contains groundless accusations, constitutes a clear misuse of the mechanism provided for the Member States under paragraph 8 of General Assembly resolution 47/31, and paragraph 9 (a) of resolution 42/154. Turkey unequivocally rejects all the allegations in the note of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, and would like to inform the Secretary-General once again that the investigation initiated by the Turkish Police Authorities and the search for the perpetrators are still in progress, and the Republic of Turkey is taking all necessary measures and fulfils its obligations under relevant international treaties to protect the diplomatic and consular missions and their representatives in its territory.

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* Transmitting a report on the incident dated 1 July 1994 received from the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations and reproduced in section II.B, No. 16, of document A/49/295.

The Permanent Mission of Turkey to the United Nations hereby requests that this information be circulated to all Member States in accordance with paragraph 10 (a) of resolution 42/154. The Permanent Mission of Turkey also requests that the procedure envisaged in paragraph 10 (b) of that resolution be applied and this information be included in the report of the Secretary-General, in accordance with paragraph 12 of resolution 42/154.

Notes

1/ Transmitted to the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations by a note verbale dated 4 August 1994 and circulated to all States under cover of a note verbale from the Secretary-General dated 25 August 1994.

2/ Transmitted to the Permanent Representative of Yugoslavia to the United Nations by a note verbale dated 23 August 1994 and circulated to all States under cover of a note verbale from the Secretary-General dated 31 August 1994.